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NATIONAL CONVENTIONS.



INDER the United States Constitution as originally practiced there. were no national conventions. The Constitution provided for a series of State conventions which should elect a President by a majority vote and on their failure to give any candidate a majority the House of Representatives then balloted on the five highest, afterward reduced by constitutional amendment to the

The theory of the Constitution and amplified in the twelfth amend-State should choose as many of their most distinguished citizens as electors as was "equal to the whole number of Sen fors and Representatives to which the State may be emitted in the Congress," and that these electors should consult together and if possible agree on who

should be President and who should be Vice-President. Not for more than forty years after the adoption of the Constitution was there any national convention.

Such proceedings as are now going on in Chicago in behalf of the Republican party and will soon take place in Denver in behalf of the Democratic party are an outside growth wholly apart from the constitutional scheme of government of the United States and never contemplated either by the drafters of the Constitution or the political generation succeeding them.



Instead of the people of each State selecting their most distinguished citizens as electors, the office of Presidential elector has become a dumm, political function with its duties as perfunctory as those of an adding machine. No instance is now known where a Presidential elector use the independent judgment which the Constitution confers upon him. Instead every one of them votes for a candidate whom an entirely separate body of men have nominated.

While the Constitution contemplated the creation of a Presidential convention in each State it never provided for two conventions in each State or for all the State conventions to meet as one in a national convention. United action was, in case of the failure of a majority of the electors to agree, placed in the hands of the House of Representatives, where it was exercised in 1824 when Andrew Jackson, who had received a plurality, but not a majority, of the electoral vote, was defeated by John Quincy Adams, who received a majority of the House of Representatives, voting by States.

This constitutional plan is still continued in form, so that no one except Presidential electors or representatives can vote directly for the Democratic, or Republican, or Socialist, or Prohibition, or any other candidate for President

Originally the electoral vote was frequently divided, the electors really exercising the freedom of choice which the Constitution gives them. Until 1804 the man who got the second number of votes wa elected Vice-President. Since then the electors vote separately for President and Vice-President. Under the old system in 1796 fourteen mer received votes for President. Three of the fourteen-Aaron Burr, George Clinton and John Jav-were from New York

This shows how the most elaborate constitutional scheme becomes a mere dummy when opposed by natural political growth,

Letters from the People.

A Three-Headed Daisy.

To the Editor of the Eveniar World:

I would like to ask readers if they have ever seen a daisy with three heads. I think it is a rare thing. This daisy which I found an one stem and in the exact yeard courts. They opened at the top where one daisy ought to be it has three perfect daish a turned to the course at a nearby it has three perfect daish a turned to at the top where one dalsy ought to be it has three perfect dalshes baned together. What naturalist can explain this?

M. T. C.

Concerning "Holdups."

To the Edinor of The Evening World:

In your recent article beaded "High-waymen Kick Man to Death and Holling on Street," your paper deserves the first paper during the first paper. The first paper deserves the first paper during the first paper during the first paper. We not shad to be first paper deserves the first paper during the first paper. The first paper during the first paper during the first paper. The first paper during the first paper. The first paper during the first paper.

incident. A desk sergeant was quoted from possible as saying. This fellow started a row and got the worst of it." Let Rougham put a stop 10 1 ugs and second-story men and it public will be thankful. A corresponding range to difference to of twenty-n 'veare' A crook rould statesman, scarcely land in this city before Head-tainks that and they would heare his pair in less manner of

An Appeal to Bingham. The the Killian of The Eccepting World Oh. Mr. Benginam of Sound Layer a sweet. On what stars must one hay admir Oh, Mr. Isinghall, a land at the Metropolitan Museum of Art? | table and it save looking cap patroling Austerdam, and at the Metropolitan Museum of Art? | table and it save looking cap patroling Austerdam, and at the Metropolitan Museum of Art? | table and it save looking cap patroling Austerdam, and at the Metropolitan Museum of Art? | table and it save looking cap patroling Austerdam, and at the Metropolitan Museum of Art? | table and it save looking cap patroling Austerdam, and at the Metropolitan Museum of Art? | table and it save looking cap patroling Austerdam, and at the Metropolitan Museum of Art? | table and it save looking cap patroling and at the Metropolitan Museum of Art? | table and it save looking cap patroling and at the Metropolitan Museum of Art? | table and it save looking cap patroling and at the Metropolitan Museum of Art? | table and it save looking cap patroling and at the Metropolitan Museum of Art? | table and it save looking cap patroling and at the Metropolitan Museum of Art? | table and the Metropolitan Museum of Art? | table and the Metropolitan Museum of Art? | table and table an

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Helpful Literature.













OF A HUSBAND HAVE

Rounded Up and Described By Nixola Greeley-Smith. The First of These Interesting Do-mestic Creatures is the Husband

married to a man who, through months of courtship, she professed to scorn. Yet no alchemy of love has changed the jeering and elutive

maiden into the fondly abject wife we perceive, with some amazement, she has become. Not at all. The simple fact of possession has wrought the miracle. The enacted in Section 3 of Article II., same spirit that prompts her to vaunt a bargain counter hat as the latest millinery marvel from Paris leads her ment, was that the people of each to advertise the man she ridiculed, but got, as a world prodigy of intellect and devotion.

If the husband she achieves doesn't fit the wifely ideal



HE SEES A DAZZLING CREATURE.

she promptly cuts the Ideal down to fit the husband Men utterly lack this facility of adaptability, for which rose of a wife has been wont to walk abroad.

Thing, or do you buy them by the pound?"

Every married woman knows the charlest abroad. reason the Man Who Buys His Wife's Clothe, one of

VERY woman is interested in a twenty types of undesirable husbands we are to consider, asks. "Come with me," and takes his unresisting victim on husband-her own or other- is perhaps the most exasperating of them ail.

more generally the former. For quite —and he generally does—the unfortunate victim of his that a wise woman sold get rich quickly making bets as to the mere fact that he belongs to her apple dumpling and as lacking in temperament. Once get for her.

husband—her own or other- is perhaps the most exasperating of them all.

Wise. Preferably and much

If the Man Who Buys His Wife's Clothes likes red hats

a shopping tour, at the end of which she resembles a country schoolma'am trying to make a noise like a show-girl.

apart from his actual merit as a man, taste gets a red hat, even though she be blonde as an what the Man Who Buys His Wife's Clothes is going to

the mere fact that he belongs to her gives him an adventitious value that no other mortal may hope to equal.



THE UNFORTUNATE VICTIM OF HIS TASTE IN HATS.

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One advantage, however, the wife whose clothes are bought for her has undoubtedly. The masculine inability to admit

mbination of white and black feathers

her from the infliction of Carmen colors on a Priscilla lavender garments would cease to be manufactured. I have never yet met a man who would not admit a deep-rooted

New York has a mania of its own-as widespread as the himself in the wrong keeps her husband, if not satisfied, at discriminating masculine love for red hats, and equally least silent as to her appearance. To himself he may distortion to the woman on whom it sits unbecomingly wonder why she doesn't look as much like Lillian Russell in and by her lord's decree. This is the black-and-white craze, the garment of his selection as he expected her to, but he he strangely general love of the New York man for the never mentions it. She is spared the pangs of the more combination formerly sacred to second marriage. The sian independent spouse who buys a hat that she thinks is more Who Buys His Wife's Clothes perhaps dines with another appropriate to her than a halo to St. Cecilia and spends man at a restaurant where he sees many dazzling creatures the rest of the day in tremulous expectation of John's comn white and black gowns with \$200 worth of blondness ing home in order that she may hear how lovely she is in it. that suggest that all the undertakers in town have been off the radishes!" is what usually greets her when he sees it. That Interests Other

That Buys His Wife's Clothes. and if You Haven't Ever Seen One of Him This Will Tell You Just What He's Like.

rettes John smokes to the number of girls he has admitted having kissed before he met her, and ending in the cold,

"Well, of course, you can please yourself, but you can't wear it when you go out with me."

He may take her to the theatre in it the next night, to be sure. The day after he may even describe it glowingly to his stenographer when she asks for the afternoon off to go shopping. But it has occasioned an unpleasant hour, and se in this respect the wife whose husband buys her clothes and can't kick about them has the advantage.

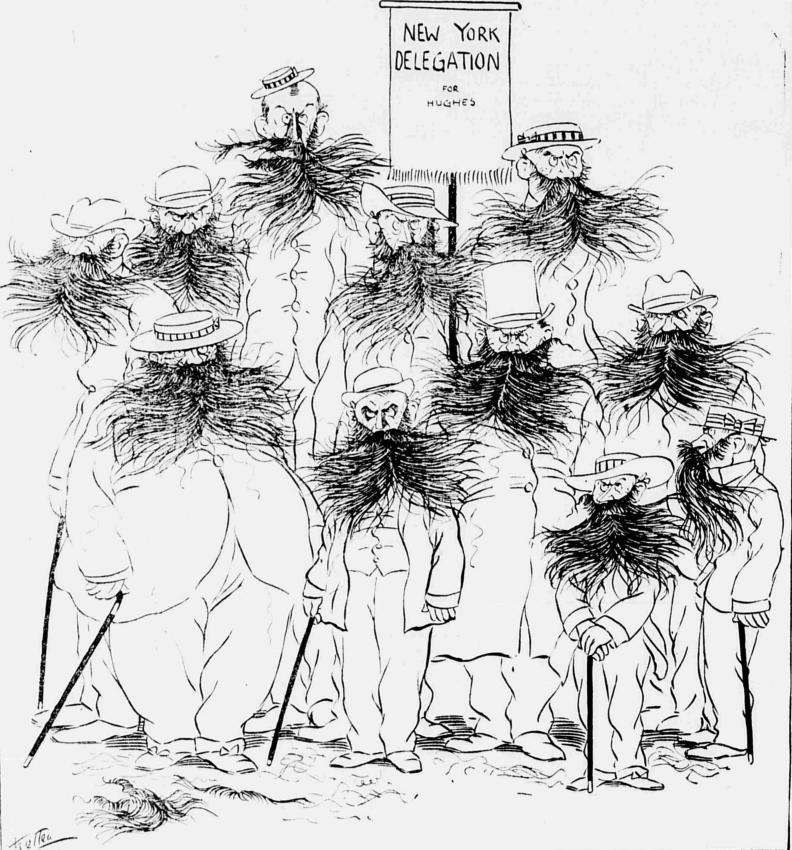


HE TELLS HIS STENOGRAPHER.

Poor creature, it's about the only one she can boast of. The next person to be considered will be "The Husband that Interests Other Women." After him "The Husband That Runs the House," "The Husband That Comes Home Too Much." "The Husband That's Afraid to Come Home," "The Husband That Has a Perpetual Grouch," and so on till nsulng colloquy; the the twenty distinct types of undesirable mates have been Why don't you wear something black and white?" he tears, the recriminations extending from how many ciga- dissected.

Sad Lot.

y Maurice Ketten.



Heavy Guns Do Damage His Joke.

The line of the most helpful to you?

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> Mr. Jarr Takes Mrs. Jarr Out. Bu. There's the Usual Preliminary Kick About "How Good Other Men Are to



Their Wives."

By Roy L. McEardell. 44 Y ES, it is soll said Mrs. Jarr. "You never want to up-for the "This was her final summer." take me anywhere!" This was her final summing-up-for the time being-in the usual bf-weekly larges of cruelty and neglect.

"I've been asking you for a week if you wanted to go to Coney Island, if you'd like to take a nice trip down the bay n the Sandy Hook boat, if you'd line a ride up the Hud-

"If you did you were only speaking for yourself," said Mrs. Jarr. returning to the charge. "You didn't want me

"What did I ask you for, then?" said Mr. Jarr. "Oh, that was just your cute way of getting out of it," said the lady. "I never get anywhere, I never see any-

thing. Other women have a good time and their husbands take them everywhere, but I can sit home and play the wall flower. Oh, well, I ought to be used to it by this time!" Here Mr. Jarr heaved a sigh, as if to imply that bad as things were the worst was yet to come. "Who has a better time or goes to more places or sees more things than you

do-that is, taking people of our modest means?" asked Mr. Jarr. "Everybody" snapped Mrs. Jarr. "I could name you a dozen women whose husbands are nice to them and try to show them a good time, but what's the

use?-you don't want me to have any pleasures and you know it!" "Yes, I do; you know I do." said Mr. Jarr. "Come, would you like to go to a roof garden, Hammerstein's, the New York, the Astor, the Waldorf! "If I were like other women," continued Mrs. Jarr, as if to herself, "I'd be

more thought of. I suppose I'm a fool to put up with it and not say anything. If I dressed conspicuous and fixed myself up and made a show of myself, looking like a freak with a bushel of blond puffs and false curls and a shricking hat and a sheath skirt and was conspicuous that way, or something"----Here Mrs. Jary felt that while her words were angry they were rather vague

as to their purpose, so she mumbled something to the effect that people maybe would be sorry when she was dead, and dabbed her eyes with a handkerchief. "I've asked you if you wanted to go to a roof garden." said Mr. Jarr. "Put

on your things and let's go." "Oh, go with your friends; you don't want me. You never seem to enjoy yourself with me. Let me stay home; I'm not wanted and I know it!" realed Mrs. Jarr.

"Come on, now." said Mr. Jarr with infinite patience. "Nix on the would"

"Oh. come on, and be a good fellow," said Mr. Jarr coaxingly,

Every woman wants to be a "good fellow," so Mrs. Jarr said, "Well, remain ber, I didn't ask you to take me," and got ready. "Now, don't let us be going some place that will cost a lot of money." She

said. "Mrs. Stryver says it's delightful on the Astor or the Waldorf, and admission is free by card." "Whatever you want," said Mr. Jarr. "You don't speak very cheerfully," said Mrs. Jarr. "Why did you insist on

my coming when I know you don't want me? I'll go back home. Of course, if you'd prefer not to take me where you expect your friends will be I'm satisfied if you'll only be frank with me." "What's the matter with you?" asked Mr. Jarr. Gee whiz! WHAT is the

"You'd go out with other people and you wouldn't care what it cost," said

Mrs. Jarr in a grieved tone. "Of course, I'm only your wife, and you can take me somewhere where it is cheap, where the admission is tree." "Where do you want to go?" asked Mr. Jarr. "Speak out." "I want to go home. You go ahead and enjoy yourself," said Mrs. Jarr.

Mr. Jarr took her by the arm and led her up in front of a row of ticket speculators. "Give me two of your highest priced seats!" he said grimly, Mrs. Jarr faintly protested, but she was shot up in the elevator to the big show. "Hello!" said a voice behind them. "You're one married man that snows his

wife a good time!" It was Jenkins. Mrs. Jarr regarded her husband with approval. "If he had his way." she said, "we'd be out somewhere every night!"

A Few Little Facts.

MODERATE amount of rope jumping is said to be very beneficial exercise. There are 300 paint factories in this country, turning out 100,000,000 salions per year. The Laplanders are the shortest people in Europe, the men averaging 4 feet

11 inches, the women 4 feet 9 inches. In Germany all workmen, servants and clerke above disteen and getting less than \$500 a year are obliged by law to insure against old age.